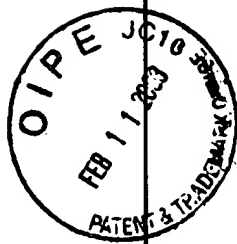


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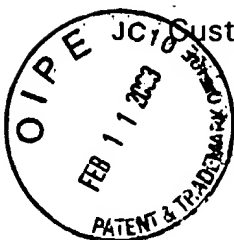
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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report mailed October 15, 2002 for the Australian counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. 2001-02338-1), in which the presently disclosed documents were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, or the Search Report utilizes conventional codes to characterize each cited

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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith an English translation of the abstracts for each of the foreign language documents identified in Form PTO/SB/08A. It is believed that the applicant in the above-identified patent application has therefore met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

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